

SENATOR FISHER: Yes, Mr. President, and, in the absence of our "illustrial" leader, I will tell you this is a noncontroversial amendment. It was voted out of the committee 7-0 and 1 absent, happened to be me at that particular time so it makes me very appropriate to neutrally be able to talk about this bill, this amendment. But the amendment, as drafted, would require parties to stipulate for an advance jury selection to waive rights of the parties to contest any irregularities in the court proceedings which are due to the early selection. The committee amendment removes that language which waives those rights. I will answer any questions and those that I cannot answer I will defer to Senator Bernard-Stevens, who was present at the hearing, and perhaps I can ask our legal counsel some questions. Are there any questions?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pirsch, oh, excuse me, we have an amendment to the bill. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Janssen would move to amend the committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM3941)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Janssen, on your amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. The amendment to the committee amendments is found...they are found on page 1399 of your Journal. The only thing that it does is change wherever it says "courts" to "county courts," allowing it only in county courts, and I ask for your passage of this amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. On the Janssen amendment, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Janssen, just a quick question if you would yield.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Certainly.

SENATOR PIRSCH: When the committee deleted the stipulation to waive the rights of the parties to contest, was that a problem with you?